

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: A. SATOYAMA et al
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For: METHOD FOR BACKING UP DATA SPANNING
DATA PROCESSING DEVICES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Amend the title to read:

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR BACKING UP DATA OF DATA PROCESSING
DEVICES INCLUDING FIXED LENGTH BLOCK FORMAT DATA
CONVERSION TO VARIABLE LENGTH BLOCK FORMAT